

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

I. Introduction

This is in response to the December 20, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary (a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**) states that the December 20, 2001 Office Action is non-final (note box 2b) even though the detailed action is titled "Final Action". Applicant also notes that the detailed action fails to include PTO Form paragraph 7.39 as recommended by MPEP § 706.07. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the December 20, 2001 Office Action is non-final.